

REMARKS

This paper adds new claims 24-26, which are supported by, for example, page 5 lines 4-7 of the specification. Independent claims 1, 20, and 22 are amended to include the limitations of claim 4, which the Examiner stated was allowable. Claim 6, which the Examiner stated was allowable, is amended into independent form. The claims are amended only to expedite prosecution of the present application. Applicants disagree with the Examiner that Fujii, EP 0 743 727 A1, anticipates the prior versions of claims 1-3, 7, 9-14, and 20-22.

In view of the above arguments, Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 1-14 and 20-26. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (408) 382-0480.

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